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Washington Aircraft Owners: Renew Your Registration Online

With the end of 2005 quickly approaching the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Aviation reminds you to renew your aircraft registration for 2006. Your current Washington State aircraft registration will expire on December 31, 2005.

For your convenience, you can <u>renew your aircraft registration online</u>. To access your account, enter your User Id and Password.

Forgot Your Password? Enter your e-mail address in the space provided on the online registration page, and we will e-mail your password to you.

Prefer to register by mail? WSDOT Aviation will mail you an aircraft registration renewal notice in mid-November.

For more information, please contact <u>Tracy Paul</u>, WSDOT Aviation Customer Service, or phone 1 (800) 552-0666.

Stehekin State Airport Begins Runway Renovation, Closes for the Winter

Stehekin State Airport is currently undergoing a major runway renovation that will improve safety and help to preserve the state-operated airstrip for recreational and emergency uses. Over the next few weeks crews working for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will plow, grade, seed and roll the airport's entire 2,630-foot turf runway.

While WSDOT expects the renovation to be completed by late November 2005, Stehekin's runway will remain closed until early spring. This will give the new seed a chance to germinate before crews roll the runway again. Stehekin's newly restored runway will receive a full inspection prior to its re-opening, which is expected in April 2006.

Also to improve safety, Phase II of Stehekin's tree removal project is scheduled to begin in December 2005.

Ten of the 16 state-operated airports are currently closed for the season. Please visit WSDOT Aviation's Web site to check the status of state-operated airports.

You are also encouraged to call the Seattle Flight Service Station at 1-800-WX-BRIEF, and check Notices to Airmen (NOTAMs) prior to using a state-operated airport.

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SH&E, an internationally recognized aviation planning organization, was recently recommended for selection to assist WSDOT Aviation with a study to evaluate Washington State's air transportation facilities and needs over the next 25 years. Several local aviation firms will also help with much of the data collection. SH&E will work on Phases I and II of the study.

During December, WSDOT, with assistance from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), will work to develop a scope of work for the study's first two phases. The FAA has committed to funding 95% of the project beginning in January 2006. The first phase of the study will focus on system capacity with final results due to the Legislature in July 2006.

Learn more about the Statewide Air Transportation Capacity Study.

WSDOT Kicks Off Phase II - Multiple Airport Layout Plan Project

WSDOT officially began the second phase of its Multiple Airport Layout Plan (ALP) Project on November 4 when Aviation's Stan Allison and Eric Johnson, along with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) planner Mary Vargas, traveled to Vashon Island to meet with members of the airport advisory group. Facilitating the meeting were David Miller and Matt Rogers of Century West Engineering, who WSDOT has contracted for this round of ALPs.

While Phase I of the Multiple ALP Project will result in plans for ten airports across the state, Phase II will plan for six airports:

- Lake Chelan
- Davenport
- Packwood
- Sunnyside
- Vashon
- Ione

The nearly \$300,000 project is being funded in part through an FAA grant. Over the next two weeks, Aviation staff will be attending similar kick-off meetings in Davenport and Ione.